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Mini Grant Status Report

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Quick status: TEN grants are either closed or are in the process and 7 have been extended to either 3/31/02 or 6/30/02! ~mg

MEMORANDUM

STATE OF ALASKA

Department of Community and Economic Development

TO: Jo Cooper
Block Grant Program Manager

DATE: 10 January, 2002

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FROM: Melanie Greer
Grant Administrator

SUBJECT: **FY01 Mini-Grant
DC Quarterly Status Report**

1. City of Anderson #811215

Upgrade Riverside Park

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 7/31/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to upgrade Anderson Riverside Park, a 616-acre recreational park next to the Nenana River. MG funds will be utilized to improve the existing access road, ditch and also the restroom facility.

This project is complete; grant is officially closed.

2. City of Aniak #811329

VPSO/Library Upgrade

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 11/30/01

On budget? Y

Amend term: 3/31/02

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to move two existing buildings to city-owned property with sewer access. One building is currently being renovated to house a VPSO and the other building is the library.

Site control has been verified. Grant funds will be utilized for the VPSO housing only and the project is now moving forward.

3. Cheesh'na Tribal Council #811330

Grocery Feasibility Study

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 9/30/01

On budget? Y

Amend term: 3/31/02

Grant award: \$19,567

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a feasibility study for the development of a mini-grocery store for the village of Chistochina.

Quarterly reporting approved. Alaska Village Initiative was awarded the contract. Per Grantee on 11/28/01, the study was 50% complete.

4. Circle Traditional Council #811192

Sawmill Equipment Purchase

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 6/30/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to purchase & install a lumber drying kiln at the existing sawmill.

Project is complete; close out in progress.

5. Denali Arts Council #811244

Renovate Community Hall

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 9/30/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to renovate an airplane hangar for use as a community center and theatre.

This project is complete; grant is officially closed.

6. Boys & Girls Club of the Tanana Valley # 821015

Acquire B/G Club

Grant term: 9/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 11/30/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$16,500

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The original purpose of this grant was to purchase an ATCO trailer unit to house a technology center in North Pole for the Boys & Girls Club. On 6/29 a change in scope was approved to allow use of MG funds for a portion of the down payment on acquiring an existing building in North Pole to house all of the Club programs. On 9/19 a request was approved to transfer this grant award from the Borough to the Boys & Girls Club of the Tanana Valley (BGCTV), who will own and operate the facility.

This project is complete; grant is officially closed.

7. Funny River Emergency #811256

Construct Fire Hall

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 12/31/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The original purpose of this grant was to construct an insulated and heated metal building to temporarily house a fire engine until a permanent fire and disaster relief structure can be constructed with other funds. On 6/28 a change in scope was approved to allow use of MG funds for the construction of a permanent Fire Hall. Specifically, MG funds will be used for part of the foundation costs and building materials.

This project is complete; close out in progress.

8. Naknek Native Council #811233

Seafood Process Feasibility

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 12/31/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$19,400

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a feasibility study and business plan for a community-owned value-added seafood processing facility in Naknek to serve the Bristol Bay area.

Aurora Consulting in Anchorage was awarded the contract. **Project is complete; close out in progress.** Grantee submitted copies of the feasibility study and business plan for the file as required.

9. Nelson Lagoon V. Council #811143

Strategic Plan

Grant term: 2/1/01 – 12/31/01 FR received to: 12/31/01 On budget? Y
Grant award: \$14,995 \$ Source: DC On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to complete a Strategic Economic and Community Development Plan.

The Stadum Group in Anchorage was awarded the contract. **Project is complete; close out in progress.** Grantee has submitted copies of the plan for the file as required.

10. NORTHWAY INC. #811274

Lodge Feasibility Study

Grant term: 4/15/01 – 12/31/01 FR received to: 12/31/01 On budget? Y
Amend term: 6/30/02
Grant award: \$28,875 \$ Source: DC On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to complete a feasibility study for a lodge in Northway.

Riddell Kurczaba Architects Ltd. in Canada was awarded the contract. Grantee submitted a copy of the draft study on 12/21/01 for the file. The project appears to be feasible.

11. City of Ouzinkie #811242

Restore Boardwalk

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01 FR received to: 8/31/01 On budget? Y
Grant award: \$30,000 \$ Source: DC On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to restore the existing boardwalk to a safe condition so that it can be used by the local residents and for promoting local economic development in tourism.

Project is complete; grant is officially closed.

12. Pedro Bay V. Council #811213

Boat Landing Design

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01 FR received to: 9/30/01 On budget? Y
Amend term: 3/31/02
Grant award: \$30,000 \$ Source: DC On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to complete a preliminary design for a public boat landing and waterfront.

R.P. Kinney Associates in Eagle River was awarded the contract. RPKA was scheduled to finalize the design alternatives for presentation to the community by December 31, 2001.

13. Port Alsworth Imp. Corp. #811214**Road & Trail Plan**

Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01 FR received to: 9/30/01

On budget? Y

Amend term: 3/31/02

Grant award: \$26,000

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to define and establish legal public rights-of-way throughout the community and appropriately mark and map these to provide legal access for residents.

R.P. Kinney Associates in Eagle River was awarded the contract. Fieldwork was scheduled for October 2001 with a draft plan ready for comment by December 31, 2001.

14. City of Ruby #811248**Develop Riverfront Park**

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 9/30/01

On budget? Y

Amend term: 6/30/02

Grant award: \$16,675

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to develop a public park as an extension of the campground. Grant funds will be used to build a sheltered fireplace, tables, benches and fencing, and to provide fill, grass seed and landscaping.

The improvements were delayed by engine problems on the City's heavy equipment and the onset of winter. All materials have been purchased and are safely stored in Ruby so that work can begin as soon as the ground thaws.

15. Seward Chamber of Commerce #811240**Media Campaign**

Grant term: 3/29/01 – 6/30/01

FR received to: 6/30/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$26,000

\$ Source: FS/DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to fund a media campaign to encourage economic growth and diversity for the community of Seward. The project will include the creation of a 20-minute video, an Internet PowerPoint presentation and a printed brochure. This grant is funded with mini-grant funds leftover from prior years as follows: FFY99 USFS @ \$14,698 and AIDEA @ \$6,675. These funds terminate on 6/30/01. The remainder of the grant is funded with FY01 DC @ \$2,630 and FY01 USFS @ \$1,997.

Syntex Productions in Anchorage was awarded the contract. All funds have been expended; the web presentation, brochure and video are currently being finalized. Completion is expected by 1/31/02.

16. Stebbins Community Assoc. #820770**D/E Clinic**

Grant term: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 11/30/01

On budget? Y

Grant award: \$28,800

\$ Source: DC

On schedule? Y

The purpose of this grant is to prepare an engineering study and preliminary design plans for a new clinic in Stebbins. This project was delayed due to negotiations between the IRA and the City who have decided to jointly pursue construction of the clinic. The City had hoped to renovate the existing clinic, but an assessment done by Norton Sound indicated that this option was not feasible.

The Arctic Slope Consulting Group was awarded the contract to provide a Geotech Report which includes a concept site plan for the clinic with foundation recommendations, placement of the clinic on the site and soil assessment. This work was completed in October. Once I receive a copy of the final report, this grant will be closed.

17. City of Thorne Bay #811191

Site Appraisal & Purchase

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| Grant term: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01 | FR received to: N/A | On budget? N/A |
| Grant award: \$30,000 | \$ Source: DC | On schedule? N/A |

The purpose of this grant is to complete the preliminary design and appraisal of an industrial site and deep-water port and purchase of the site from the Alaska Mental Health Trust. Grant funds will be utilized for the land and timber value appraisals and purchase of the site.

On 11/23/01, the City of Thorne Bay declined this award. This decision was based on declining local revenues and a counter proposal that was recently accepted from the Alaska Mental Health Trust to construct the park at no cost to the City in exchange for use of the port for their logging operations.

18. City of Togiak #811144

Arts & Crafts Business Plan

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| Grant term: 2/1/01 – 12/31/01 | FR received to: 12/31/01 | On budget? Y |
| Amend term: 3/31/02 | | |
| Grant award: \$16,125 | \$ Source: DC | On schedule? Y |

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a business plan for the community's existing arts & crafts center.

Christopher Beck & Associates in Anchorage was awarded the contract. The final document is expected to be complete by February 28, 2002.

10 grants closed or in the process
5 grants extended to 3/31/02
2 grants extended to 6/30/02
1 grant declined award during report period